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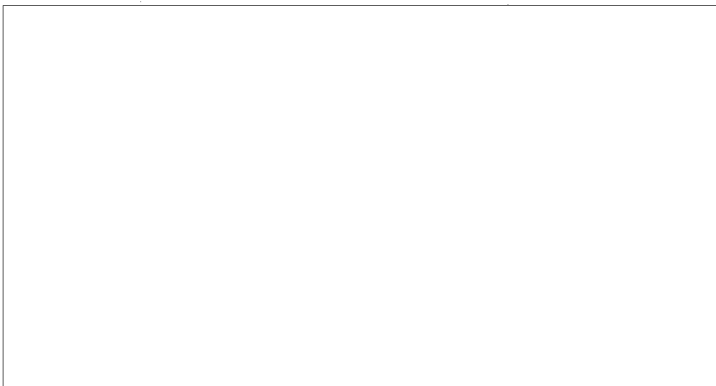
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30 September 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR REFERENCE

SUBJECT: Meeting on Identi-Kit, 22 September 1959

Present:



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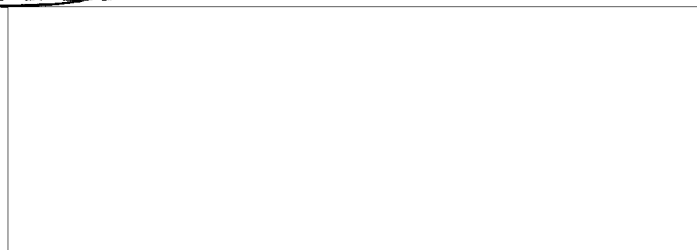
1. The subject of the meeting was a discussion of the Identi-Kit, how it is used, what further development work is needed on it, and how many we should ask TSS to order and keep in stock. Messrs. [redacted] described various aspects of the development of the Identi-Kit which was produced by a former inspector on the Los Angeles police department and, while CIA helped pay for the development, is in itself an unclassified item. (In fact, the only classified thing about it is that CIA helped pay for the development.)

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2. The Kit consists of a file of transparencies, on each of which is printed a particular type of facial feature -- eyebrows, hair-lines, etc. The transparencies are keyed to fit one on top of the other on a special mounting board. When a series of transparencies is assembled, it reproduces an impression of a face; each transparency has a code letter and number; the total of these numbers is the "equation" for the face. This "equation", together with certain

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collateral information such as height, weight, age, build, and sex, can be sent by pouch or cable to facilitate identification or recognition of an otherwise unknown person. The cards are for all races, men and women (not children).

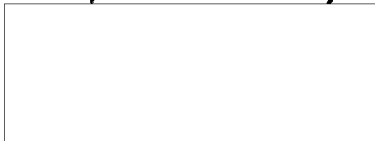
3. While the Kit can be used by most people in a few minutes of practice, it nevertheless requires numerous hours of training or organized practice -- up to 20 hours estimated -- to use the Kit to its full capability.

4. Some uses for such a device would be (1) to give to liaison services (CI Staff approves gifts to liaison) (2) aids to recognition for our own personnel to use to communicate between stations or points on the globe, and (3) aids to interrogation -- this use has been found highly profitable to both CI Staff and SR Division. The Kits cost approximately \$300 each.

5. I requested the representatives at the meeting to give me estimates of how many each Staff and Division thinks will be needed and to have these figures in my hands by or before 15 October 1959. Any questions concerning the Ident-Kits should be addressed directly to 

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